

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants submit that any amendment to the claims herein does not comprise acquiescence or admission that any canceled, amended or supplemented subject matter that existed prior to the amendments herein is not patentable. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claimed subject matter as presented prior to the amendments herein during subsequent prosecution of the present application and in any continuation or related applications.

The Examiner found that claims 36-41 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants amend the claims as follows to include the allowable subject matter into the independent claims. Specifically, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the requirements of allowable claim 36 and intervening claim 30, amend claim 11 to include the requirements of allowable claim 37 and intervening claim 31, amend claim 19 to include the requirements of claim 38 and intervening claim 32, amend claim 22 to include the requirements of claim 39 and intervening claim 33, amend claim 16 to include the requirements of claim 40 and intervening claim 34, and amend claim 27 to include the requirements of claim 41 and intervening claim 35

Applicants cancel claims 30-41.

Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-24, 26, 27, and 29 are patentable and in condition for allowance. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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